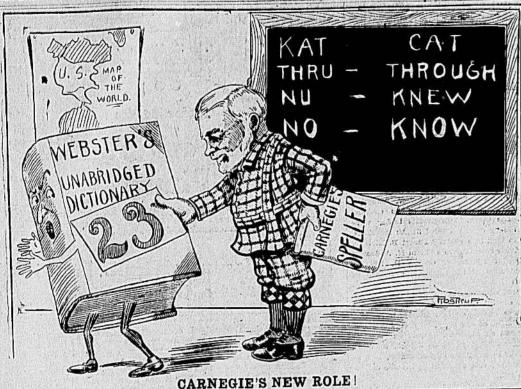
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FIREMEN PERISH BENEATH WALLS

Every Member of Heroic Company Either Killed or Injured Fighting Flames.

MEN AND WOMEN RESCUED OVERMAN

Many Saved By Human Pyramid Formed Against Wali of Building.

(By Associated Press)

perished and about a score of firemer accompanied by a series of explosions that demolished a six-story factory building at Hedford and Downing Streets, in the Greenwich village district, on the low west side of the city. That the damage, estimated at from \$300,000 to \$400.000, was not far greater, was declared by Croker to be due to the explosion One fireman was taken out of the buildbut died almost immediately bodles of his three comrades were recovered after the fire was over, crushed inder the wreckage of floors and walls

that followed the explosions.

The dead are: Foreman John Walsh, and Ffremen George C. Christman, Thomas L. Halpin and J. Healy, all of Englie Company 11. Ffremen Cohen and Call were burned and bruised, and removed to the hospital. The other persons injured were employed in the factory, detellers in the adjacent manners and passers-by, none of them seriously furt.

Huddled on Fire Escape.

escapes where they remained hudthe fire escapes where they reinfine independent of the leaders level be run up, plicement, firemen and volunteer formed a human pyramid against the front wall of the factory and in this way handed down to safety upwards of sixty girls who were cling-

ries.
Several hundred policemen were rushed to the scene to control the panic-stricken crowds in the vicinity. All the adjoining tenements were ordered vacated, and this task had been barely accomplished. when a toppling wall crushed in the upper portion of a row of seven tene-ments in Carmine Street. A moment later

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TO FIX TIME FOR RATE BILL VOTE

Bring Matter Up in Senate To-day.

ASSAILS JUDGES

Foraker Offers Amendment to Prohibit Issuance of Passes. Long Debate:

(By Associated Press.) (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 25.—There was a hint in the Senate to-day at an effort to fix a time for a final vote on the railroad rate bill, but it was surrounded by so much circumstance and doubt that no pradiction as to the time would be justified. Mr. Tillmani stated that he would being the matter up in the Senato to-morrow, and unless objection is then made, he may six to have a day specified.

By Mr. Culberson: Denying to inter-state roads the privilege of making

campaign contributions.

Mr. Gverman made 'a general speech
in support of the bill and Mr. Tillman poke at some length against undue haste

Looking to Tillman.

At the beginning of the session, Mr.

Tillman presented a letter from Mr.

In the Stryder, of Clarksburg, W. Va.

relating to the discriminations of rail Railroad. Mr. Tillman said that the senator from West Virginia had expressed the hope that he would give the the hope that he would give the Senate something on this line every morning

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fleor, Others jumped into the life saving nets or on piles of bedding hastly gathered and heaped on the sidewalks. Within ten minutes all the occupants of the building had been taken out in safety and unburt, saye f r minor injuries. KILLED BY FATHER

Man, Suposedly Unbalanced, Then Sent Bullet Into His Own Brain.

(By Associated Press.) EVERIETT, MASS., March 26.—Less

RAILROAD AND

Tillman Announces That He Will Norfolk, and Southern and Virginia-Carolina Coast Railway in Deal.

IMMENSE CAPITAL INVOLVED

Several Railroads and Fourteen Lumber Companies to Be Taken Over.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORPOLK, VA., March 26 .- The entir properties of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, running from Norfolk through eastern North Carolina, and the Virginia-Carolina, Coust Bailroad, which recently began the construction of a new rallway line from Norfolk to Beaufort, N. C., and their lumber interests, are to be merged,

line from Norfolk to Beguiori, N. C., and their lumber interests, are to be pergod, with an authorized capital of \$25,000,000 in bonds and the lumber merger will make a total of eighteen milis, with an output of 150,000,000 feet annually. There will be 500,000 acres of timber land owned in fee, and a timber stumplage of 4,000,000,000 feet.

The railroad interger means the taking over of the Suffolk and Carolina. running between Suffolk, Va., Elizabeth City, N. C., and Edenton, N. C.; the Pamileo, Oriental and Western, running from Newbern to Bayboro, N. C.; all of the Norfolk and Southern branch lines between Norfolk and Edenton, together with its Pamileo division, through Mackey's Ferry to Belhaven, and thence on to Plymouth and Wushington, and the leases of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, running between Beaufort, Morehead City and Goldsbore, N. C.
Grading is now complete for a new line from Mackey's Ferry to Columbia, N. C. and surveys are complete between Bayboro and Oriental. The road will be extended out to Newbern, opening up vast timber lands through Duplin county,

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North Carollan.

It is stated that all the lumber interests of the consolidated properties involved would be brought into the John L. Roper Lumber Company, of this city, the big corporation recently bought by the Virginia and Carollan Coast, and that Mr. George W. Roper will be president of this subsidiary of the larger convertion. The other lumber corpora-

Mr. George W. Roper will be president of this subsidiary of the larger corporation. The other lumber corporations involved are the Blade's Lumber Company, of Elizabeth City and the Bell Haven Lumber Company, of Reil Haven, N. C., The Camp Manufacturing Company, of Pranklin, Va., may also be involved.

Fourteen saw and four planing mills would be controlled by the lumber interests of the merger and the timber owned by its is estimated at four billion feet. The output of the saw mills is now between 125,000,000 and 150,000,000 feet annually, and this probably would be increased to 200,00,000. It is said that neither the management of the Norfolk and Southern or the Virginia and Carolina Ceast' would dominate the merger, although it has not yet developed who would control.

Trafficing in lumber would be the principal business of the consolidation, although it is stated that the train service over the railroads would be improved. The roads are now doing much for the upbuilding of Eastern North Carolinar commercially and Industrially, and Norfolk, being the main terminus of the roads, is reaping no small benefit from them.

RAISE OR STRIKE. MINERS DECLARE Issue Ultimatum to Operators in Disputes

WILL NOT YIELD. MITCHELL SAYS

Over Wage Scale.

Vice-President Expresses Hope for Solution Yet, But Prospect for Agreement Very Gloomy-Companies

Preparing for

Strike,

(By Associated Press.) INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 26.—The United Mine Workers of America, through President John Mitchell, Vice-President 3 1.. Lewis and Herman C. Perry, presiden of the Illinois Miners, this afternoon pre sented to the conloperators in the execu tive session of the joint scale committee of the Central Competitive District their ultimatum on the dispute over the wag

The demand of the miners, as stated the ultimatum, is for a restoration of th the ultimatum, is for a restoration of the wage scale of 1903, which is an increase of 5.55 per cent. The operators secured an adjournment of the committee until tomorrow morning, when it is expected a definite answer to the miners will be given. It is anticipated that this reply will be a refusal by the operators, and in that event, the committee will report a disagreement to the joint conference of miners and operators.

In that case the question will be debated before the joint convention. To-night,

before the joint convention. To-night according to those concerned, there i Bille prospect for an agreement.

Miners Will Not Yield.

After the noon adjournment, President Mitchell, referring to rumors that the miners might recede, said he wanted to explain to the operators that there would be, under no circumstances, an agreement at loss than the scale of 1903, unless after a disagreement the operators could enforce loss terms, and he did not beenforce less terms, and he did not be-lieve they could. Vice-President Lewis

"If we have got to such a point in these deliberations where it is a case of wait to see who is folia to be able to divide the forces on either side, then I believe we are considering a very dangerous proposition. I know what a suspension of work means to our people: I know what it will probably mean to millions of other neople who are not directly interested in these questions. I may hope that we may be able to find a solution of our present difficulties, but that solution will only come when both sides are ready to sign a wage

but that solution will only come when both sides are "ready to sign a wage agreement, carrying with it the prices paid in 1903. ""Of course, after we have ceased negotiations and arrayed our follow-ing on different sides of the question. I am not prepared to say what will develon."

strike, notably the small operators and the cent dealers, who, he had been the ceal dealers, who, he had been in-formed, were supporting a lobby in the hope of influencing the operators to force a disagreement. He added that there would be no division of the "Illinois miners and no mine would be allowed to run even with an advance in wages unless all the union mines in Illinois short discussion conducted friendly vein, and a motion to adjourn

Has Not Asked Extension. Mr. Mitchell to-day denied a report that he had requested an extension for

THE WEATHER

Porecast: Virginia—Rain and warme Tuesday; Wednesday, fair, colder; fresh possibly brisk, south, shifting to wes winds. North Carolina—Warmer Tuesday, wit occasional showers; Wednesday, fair fresh south winds.

Conditions Yesterday, (Average......46 1-6.)

Highest temperature yesterday, Lowest temperature yesterday, Mean temperature yesterday,... Normal temperature for March, Departure from normal tempera

Thermometer This Day Last Year

Condition, in Important Cities. (At 8 P. M., Eastern Time.)

Place. Ther. High. T. Weather.

Asheville, N. C. 48 56 P. cloudy

Augusta 58 52 Clear

Atlanta, Ga. 54 56 P. cloudy

Atlanta, Ga. 54 56 P. cloudy Chemnat, Co. Davenport Datrolt, Mich. Galveston, Tex. Hatteras, N. C. Jacksonville Kansas City. Norfolk, Va. Pittsburg, Pa. Tampa, Pla.

Miniature Almanac.





MAYOR SPOKE IN DECIDES IN FAVOR OF MISS ARENTS SPIRIT OF FUN

Mr. C. D. Wingfield, President of Exchange, Gives Out Effective Interview.

M'CARTHY WAS APPLAUDED

Northern Men Present All Understood the Mayor's Speech and Endorsed It Freely,

D. Wingfield, of Richmond, who, as presisided at the sessions of the convention the following statements in regard to the

disrespect to the flag of our common have severely criticised him for wha could have read it in full instead of reading this one remark in cold type would have taken it in the sam spirit as that in which it was taken by those to whom it was made in a spirit of

"When this remark was made, it Mayor had concluded the serious part of his speech, which, by the way, was not a writen one, and had entered into the good humor of his audience which had been applauding some of the witty

things he had been saying.
"I think he made the remark about "I think he made the remark about the flags just after having sald, 'no gentleman would chew tobacco. I chew a good deal of it, but still no gentleman would chew tobacco. This bit of fun was applabled, and he then alluded in the same strain to his love for the flags of Virighia and the Confederacy, adding jecularly, 'but the Stars and Stripes are all right in their way.' I am not sure that his their way.' I am not sure that his remarks have been quoted verbatim, remarks have been quoted verbatim, but I am sure that what he sald was in a spirit of fun, and was so taken by his audience, which was composed of more men from the North, East and West than from the South, there being over fifty of the former.

Entire Audience Applauded.

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"At the conclusion of his address the Mayor was applauded by his entire audience. The reply to his address was made by a gentleman from Chicago, and was also in a jocular strain and with no reference to the flags, which, knowing the man as I do, would not have been the case had the Mayor been taken seriously. I know personally everyman who heard the address and mingled with them after its conclusion, and not one of them referred to the Mayor's remark about the flags until after read-

mark about the flags until after reading the afternoon paper, and then they laughed at the absurdity of his being taken seriously.

"The applause which greeted the Mayor's address, in which he told of Richmond and of Virginia, was only exceeded by linat accorded the Governor of Virginia when he responded to the toasi, 'Our Country.' At the conclusi n of the Governor's cloquent and patriotic speech he received such an ovation from those of the North as was given President Boosevelt on his recent visit to Richmond, and those of the North vied with those of the South in shaking his hand and in expressing approval of his loyal senti-ments.

The Mayor Thanked.

"If any further proof is needed of the feelings of those present at the speech of the Governor and the Mayor, I have but to refer you to the res lution unantously adopted before the adjournment of the Southern Ice Exchange, reading as lows: . "Phanking the Mayor of this city for

follows:

"Thanking the Mayor of this city for the gracious extension of the hospitality of the same to the S uthern tee Exchange and its members; thanking the newspapers for their uniform courtesies in the interest shown in our meetings, and to the local committees of the Ice men for their pleasant entertainment that they have so generously provided for the association and the ladies, and to the Govern r of the State of Virginia the thanks of the Ice Exchange is extended for his presence at our banquet and for the magnificently patriotic speech he made, which appealed to the heart of every one present as American citizens. Your Executive Committe feels that while such men as the Governor are with us that a better cra will accrue to our beloved country, and that each man who heard that speech will fave Richmond a better citizen for having had his patriotism stimulated by the expressions to which the Governor gave such wondrous utterance."

"Had the Mayor's remarks been taken seriously by those present, his address would have received no more applause from the men of Virginia and of the South than it would have received from the men of the North, whose equals they are in patriotism and in love of the Stars and Stripes. "To my mind, those who have taken the matter seriously have made themselves ridiculous."



Committee on Grounds and Build ings and Finance Would Sell Her Clark Spring Property.

LONG AND LIVELY SESSION

Able and Eloquent Speeches on Both Sides of the Question. Action Unanimous.

were many speeches and spicily interest Committees id. Grounds and Bulldings and Pinance in joint session last night finally decided in favor of Miss Grace Arents as agairst the Hollywood Corporation in the contest for the purchase of the Clark Spring property.

Speeches were made on both sides by

representatives of the contending par ties, Mr. M. M. Gilliam speaking for the ties, Mr. M. M. Gillam speaking to the corporation, and a number of those prominent in Miss Arents's work on Oregon Hill speaking in her behalf.

Mr. W. T. Dabney, chairman of the sub-committee appointed to report on the matter, affered the Tollowing resolution, which was adopted without dissent.

"We, the committee, recommend the sale of Clark Spring property to Miss Arents, if she will pay twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for said property, with reservations for Harrison Street to extend through said property; also sufficient space necessary to the maintenance and equipment of the old reservoir, and the preservation of the space now occupied by the graves therein; also such rights no are necessary for the proper maintenance of and access to water maints and a building of sewers on said property."

Report in Detail.

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Captain J. B. Wood, chairman of the joint committee, presided, and the report from the chairman of the subcommittee, Mr. W. T. Dabney, was first heard.

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In his report he stated that the Hollywood Corporation had offered \$25,000 for the property, with the understauding that the city should reserve such parts as it should desire for its water works, milns, and so forth. On the other hand, add be. Miss Arents offered \$20,000 or \$20,500 for did not remember which) for the land, with provisions similar to those included in the Hollywood offer.

The conclusion, he stated, was that if Miss Arents wanted this property for

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MEMORIAL UNHEEDED; OHIO TO GIVE \$75,000

House Votes to Concur in Senate Amendment and Will Not Reconsider Action.

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 26.—The House this evening concurred in the Senate amendment to the appropriation bill setting aside \$75,000 instead of \$50,000 for the State's participation in the Jamestown Exposition: Fifteen minutes later the memorial of Wells Post G. A. R., asking the Legislature to hold up the appropriation until the Mayor of Richmond, Va., retracts his statement regarding the flag which he recognizes, was presented to the House. The House will not reconsider its action.

BLOCK OF C. & O. STOCK SECURED BY RICHMONDERS

Mr. Fred W. Scott, head of the banking firm of Scott and Stringfellow, and n party of Richmond capitalists have secured, it is said, a large block of Chesapeake and Ohlo stock, and will make an endeavor to laye the stock placed upon a three per cent, basis at the next regular meeting of the company.

It is stated on excellent authority that a committee will wait on the Board of Directors, and in view of the marked increase of carnings of the road, will urge that the stockholders be allowed to participate in the distribution of a portion of

ticipate in the distribution of a portion of the increased surplus. Chesapeake and Ohlo stock was ex-

tremely netive on yesterday, the rise being attributed to the proposed action of the Richmond holders. Ouarreled; One Dead, Two

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Dying .

(By Associated Press.)

Alacon, Ga., March 26.—Charles A.
Davis, a prominent young farmer of Pulaski county, became involved in a difficulty with two negroes near the Dooly
county line. Several shats were heard
and persons going to the scene found
Davis dead, one negro dying and the
other seriously shot,

PULLER, SHEILD AND SANDS NAMED

Lawyers Connected With "Tampering With Bills" investigation.

ORDWAY PULLER WAS "INDISCREET"

Compensation in Bill Creating Office Raised From 10 to 15 Per Cent.-Sands Expected to Fill Office. Wickham Files Report,

The legislative committee charged with he investigation of certain alleged "tumport on yesterday.

as it does Messrs. Conway R. Sands, Philip B. Shelld and Representative 12. which was passed for the purpose of Enabling the State to collect from the estates of idiots who have been confined in the State asylums and provides that a compensation of ten pe

by the Governor, who will bring suits for the collection of the money due. The report sets out that Mr. Conway The report sets out that Mr. Conway R. Sands, not a member of the General Assembly, was the author of the bill, and that he expected to be appointed as agent. It is stated that the bill was closely followed by Mossrs. Sands and Shellds from its inception until it passed into the enrolling office, and that Mr. Ordway Puller, a member of the House from Richmond, serving on the joint Conference Committee, acted with indiscretion in attempting to insert into the conference report an amendment increasing the compensation of the special agent (who it was supposed, would be Mr. Sands), from ten per cent, to fifteen per cent, without ten per cent, to fifteen per cent, without the consent of his conferees,

Some Secret Testimony.

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During the secret investigation a number of witnesses appeared before the committee and testified.

Senator Thomas stated that a member of the Conference Committee had raised the compensation of the "agent" from ten per cent. In speaking of the "raised report. Senator Thomas said to the connittee "it called Senator Chapman's attention to this. I said: "Why did you change it?" He said he idn't know anything about it, and called up the Senate conferees, and they didn't know anything about it, and said they had never heard of the change to fifteen per cent. He turned to somebody, may be Mr. Puller, and said: "By God, I don't like anything like this. What does this mean?"

"I' did'nt catch what Mr. Puller said, but there was evidently a confusion there that wasn't plain to my mind. "It left me under the impression that the thing had been surreptitiously changed.

"I was very much exasperated, and I thought it better to pass a bill making it a penitentiary crime for anybody to tamper with a bill that

Committee's Report.

"The committee those to the Ports-that T. J. Wool, attorney for the Ports-mouth, Berkley and Suffolk Water Com-pany, bad an amendment to offer te tils bill, and by direction of Senator John S. Chapman, chalrman of the Senato Company, had an amendment to offer to this bill, and by direction of Senator John S. Chapman, chalman of the Senator Committee on County and City and Town Organizations, the amendment was filed with the bill, to be laid before the committee when the bill came up for consideration. This amendment would have prevented the sale of the bonds. When the bill came up for consideration the amendment was rejected, and your committee finds that no wrong appears in this matter, and so reports."

Next the report touches on House bill No, 12, relating to the payment of luraties' expenses. The language of the report follows. In part:

"From the evidence before the committee, it is ascertained that in the Senato committee a substitute was offered for the House bill, and certain amendments were adopted to conform the substitute to the views of the committee; a subscommittee was appointed to perfect a substitute along the lines indicated, which reported back to the committee two alternative substitutes drawn by Conway R. Sands, neither of which met the views of the full committee. The committee adopted to cere.

Sands, neither of which not the views of the full committee. The committee adopted the one marked Two, subject to certain amendments, to-wit: thereusing the exemptions of property from \$1,000 to \$2,000, and providing that suit could be brought only in the circuit court within the Jurisdiction of which the insune defendant fived, striking out that portion of the ball which allowed suit to be brought in the county or corporation in which the hospital is located; third, reducing the compensation for collecting from 29 to 10 per cent, of the recovery, which amendments were written on separate slips of paper.

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"It is further ascertained that all these amendments, which were of vital importance, were abstracted or lost from the papers before they were acted upon by the Senate, but were subsequently reinserted in the bill on the floor of the Senate, Your committee is unable to fix the responsibility for this act upon any person or persons. The bill was closely followed from its inception until after it passed into the corrolling office by Mosses. Couway R. Sands and Philip B. Shelld. We find that Mr. Ordway Puller, a member of the conference committee on the part of the flours, acted with indiscretion in attempting to insert into the conference report an amendament increasing the compensation of the special agent to be appointed up-